In re Application of:

Docket No. 00862.021913

HIROSHI TANIOKA, et al.

Application No.: 09/576,928

Filed: May 23, 2000

For: IMAGE PROCESSING

APPARATUS AND METHOD

Examiner: T. Lee

Group Art Unit: 2624

Date: August 20, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a PRELIMINARY Amendment in the above-identified application.

x No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 8	MINUS	**	= 0	x \$9 \$18	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS	***	= 0	x \$43 \$86	0
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290						
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If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

	Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
	A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
X	Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed.
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.
	Respectfully submitted,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request For Continued Examination has been filed, please amend the application as follows: